

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

10/17/24

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ORDER OF JUDICIAL REMOVAL

- against -

Criminal Docket No. 21 Cr. 359 (LAK)

CLAUDIA ISABEL MERCADO  
SCALZO,

Defendant.

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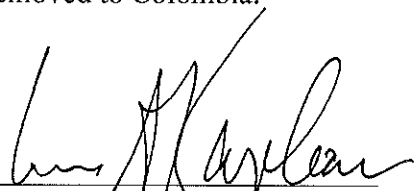
Upon the application of the United States of America, by Alexander Li, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York; upon the Factual Allegations in Support of Judicial Removal; upon the consent of CLAUDIA ISABEL MERCADO SCALZO (the “defendant”); and upon all prior proceedings and submissions in this matter; and full consideration having been given to the matter set forth herein, the Court finds:

1. The defendant is not a citizen or national of the United States.
2. The defendant is a native and citizen of Colombia.
3. On or about April 13, 2023, the defendant was paroled into the United States for the purpose of criminal prosecution, pursuant to Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended, (“Act” or “INA”).
4. At the time of sentencing in the instant criminal proceeding, the defendant will be convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of the following offenses: Cocaine Importation Conspiracy in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 963, 952(a), 959(a) and 960(a)(1), 960 (a)(3) and 960(b)(1)(B).
5. A total maximum sentence of life imprisonment may be imposed for the above-mentioned offense(s).

6. The defendant is subject to removal from the United States pursuant to INA section 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I), INA section 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) and INA section 212(a)(2)(C)(i).
7. The defendant has waived her right to notice and a hearing under Section 238(c) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. § 1228(c).
8. The defendant has waived the opportunity to pursue any and all forms of relief and protection from removal.
9. The defendant has designated Colombia as the country for removal pursuant to Section 240(d) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(d).

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 238(c) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1228(c), that the defendant shall be removed from the United States promptly upon her release from confinement, or, if the defendant is not sentenced to a term of imprisonment, promptly upon her sentencing, and that the defendant be ordered removed to Colombia.

Dated: New York, New York  
Oct. 17 2024

  
HONORABLE LEWIS A. KAPLAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE